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1. Soviet officers are now conducting courses at the Graf Ignatiev airfield to train Bulgarian pilots for jet aircraft.
2. Construction is being rushed on a new airfield located between the villages of Slakovtsi and Mirovyane near Sofia. Seven thousand decars of land are being improved for this purpose.
3. Sofia is entirely surrounded by anti-aircraft batteries. About 8 April the Dupnitsa anti-aircraft regiment arrived in Sofia. The largest guns, 88 mm., are located to the right of the "cross" in Lozenets.
4. There are many tanks stationed in Breznik. A cavalry unit and a mortar unit are stationed at Opitsvet.
5. It is reported that a war psychosis is maintained among the citizens of Sofia by the continual troop movements.
6. With the abandonment of the coupon system for many consumer items, prices reportedly have gone up. For example, shoes which cost 2400 levas under the coupon system, and 7000 levas on the black market, now cost 6000 levas in regular trading.

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